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Report-out on the Local
Impacts of Legislation and
Voter Approved Initiatives

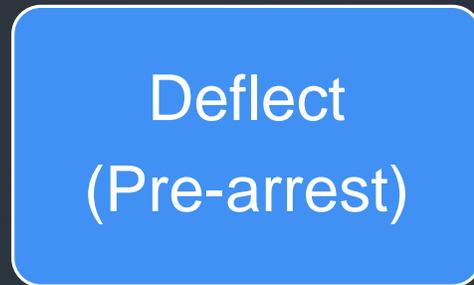
New Approaches to Justice

We had to take a hard look at what was working and then re-imagine our approach in order to meet core objectives.

- Reducing Crime, means **lowering recidivism**
- Preventing Victimization, means **strengthening youth and families**
- Strengthening Communities, means **enabling work / employment**

New legislation and voter approved initiatives are making it possible for the criminal justice system to meet these goals.

A Continuum Approach to Justice



Low level behaviors result in program referrals by schools or law enforcement:

- Youth
- Homeless
- Families



DAs and Courts can divert individuals charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses into programming for a chance to reduce or eliminate charges.



Returning citizens have a fair chance to clean up their criminal record and gain meaningful employment.

THANK YOU!

State Policies Drive Equitable Justice

Impacts from recent legislation:

- ~1,500 fewer youth arrested in San Joaquin County following Prop 64.
- Structured diversion programming has reduced recidivism by nearly 80% for participants.
- ~28,000 sentences reduced, re-sentenced, or dismissed through Prop 47.

Additional Policies Needed:

- Automatic sealing of old convictions.
- One standard of healing and justice for all victims.
- Elimination of financial contributions / conflicts of interest between police and prosecutors.
- More alternatives for transition age youth and vulnerable adults (mentally ill, homeless, etc.)
– especially for those engaged in behaviors driven by poverty or illness.